

# Senate votes to put more physical education in state's public schools

n an effort to make school children healthier, the Senate voted 42-7 on Wednesday, to require school systems provide at least 150 minutes of physical education weekly to public school students in grades K-8. Sen. **Joseph Carter** of the 13<sup>th</sup> authored the *Student Health and Fitness Act* to "promote student health and physical fitness."

"It's about the way we train our children." Sen. **Carter** told his colleagues in the Senate. "It's about the way we teach our children, and we have sent the wrong message time after time after time."

The bill mandates that school systems provide 150 minutes of physical education instruction to students in K-5 and 225 minutes of PE to students in grades 6-8 per week. In addition, these PE classes must include a coordinated health and PE program designed to prevent obesity, cardiovascular disease and Type II diabetes. The courses will include instruction on the impact of alcohol, tobacco and drug use on a student's health, however.

Several senators expressed concern about putting unfunded mandates on local school systems.

"I just don't understand when we are for local control and when we are not," Sen. **Steve Thompson** of the  $33^{rd}$  said. "I don't understand when we want to be in the family and when we don't. I don't understand when we want more government and when we don't. The goal is admirable; the problem is real. The question is where it should be addressed."

Senate Bill 474 instructs the Georgia Board of Education to create a model health program, and local boards to adopt a health program by July 1 of this year. The bill further charges local Boards with establishing a School Health Advisory Council to serve as an advisory body to the Board on the health issues.

In addition, the State Board of Education must develop an annual report and recognition program to be submitted annually to the Governor, members of the Georgia General Assembly and local school systems. The report must include the amount of instructional time spent on health and physical education in each grade, and the amount of physical activity received by students in each school for the previous school year.

This Week February 24, 2006 Page 1 of 21 The American Cancer Society, the American Diabetes Association, the American Heart Association, the Georgia Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, the Georgia chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Georgia Federation of Professional Health Educators, among others, all support the legislation.

Sen. **Brian Kemp** of the 46<sup>th</sup> attempted to amend the bill, but the amendment was ruled non-germane by Lt. Gov. **Mark Taylor**.

In other education-related legislation, the Senate also unanimously passed Senate Bill 288, on Wednesday, to enact the *Grade Integrity Act of 2005*. Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21st, introduced the measure which forbids classroom teachers from being required, coerced, intimidated or disciplined in any manner to change the grade of a student.

"The administrators are happy with it," Sen. **Rogers** said upon introducing the bill. "The teachers are very happy with it and we have no opposition to my knowledge."

Additionally, Sen. **Ronnie Chance** of the 16<sup>th</sup>, authored Senate Bill 424, granting up to five excused absences to children of military personnel prior to deployment or who are on leave from an overseas combat zone.

"Children need to spend time with their parents before they go off to fight a war," Sen. **Chance** said after the bill passed 50-0. "It's a traumatic time for all involved and they need to spend as much time as possible with their parent prior to deployment or when home on leave."

## Courthouse security measure passes Senate

ollowing the March 11, 2005 shooting at the Fulton County Courthouse, and after months of hearings and testimony, Sen. **Carter** introduced legislation to require all county sheriffs to develop and implement a comprehensive courthouse security plan. The plan ultimately will have to be approved by the local superior

court judge.

"It is very clear that if the places where judges hear cases and causes of Georgia – the buildings of our counties where policy is made – if those buildings are not secure, the very foundation of our government is at risk."

- Sen. Joseph Carter

"The fear is that we go back to the ways of doing business prior to March 11, 2005," Sen. **Carter** said. "This has to be a front-burner issue. We have to look at life a little differently, and security a little differently than we did before that time."

The Senate has included \$500,000 in their version of the 2006 supplemental budget to implement the local plans.



#### **Agriculture and Consumer Affairs**

On Thursday, February 16, Chairman **John Bulloch** of the 11<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to discuss *Senate Bill 229*. Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21<sup>st</sup> presented the bill, which he noted was first introduced during the 2005 session. The bill prohibits animal fighting and baiting, as well as training, purchasing, selling, breeding or equipping an animal to fight or bait, and betting anything of value on animal fighting or baiting. Sen. **Rogers** said that current law is simply not strong enough due to the increase in this activity across Georgia. After discussion and questions, Sen. **Ed Tarver** of the 22<sup>nd</sup> suggested an amendment to the language that would exempt minors found at these fights from being prosecuted. Sen. **Ralph Hudgens** of the 47<sup>th</sup> recommended that the wording include "...other than a minor child under the age of 15..." After additional discussion, Sen. **Hudgens** moved that the bill be passed out of committee as amended. *SB 229* passed out of committee unanimously.

On Tuesday, February 21, Sen. **Bulloch** called the Committee to order for a public hearing on *SB 511*. The bill was introduced by its sponsor, Sen. **Vincent Fort** of the 39<sup>th</sup>. The legislation would ban the sale of marijuana or hemp-flavored candy. **Rick Ruskell** with the Office of Legislative Counsel also spoke, noting the changes that had been made to the original bill and explaining the reasons for those changes. Following questions from Sens. **Tarver** and **Hudgens**, the Committee heard from several individuals speaking in support of the legislation. They included **Jim Tudor** with the Georgia Association of Convenience Stores, **Kathy Kuzava** with the Georgia Food Industry Association and **Loren Eischeld**, chair for Youth Services with the Georgia Parent Teacher Association (PTA). While no one testified against the legislation, three documents from the hemp industry expressing their concern about the bill were submitted. Sen. **Bulloch** commended Sen. **Fort** for authoring this legislation. Following additional questions from Sen. **Chip Pearson** of the 51<sup>st</sup>, the hearing was adjourned.

#### **Appropriations**

The Senate Appropriations Committee did not meet this week.

#### **Banking and Financial Institutions**

Chairman **Bill Hamrick** of the 30<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order on Wednesday, February 22. He explained changes in the Substitute to *Senate Bill 395*, which provides tighter restrictions on the title pawn industry, requiring title pawn lenders to register with the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs. The legislation also requires lenders to notify borrowers before repossessing their vehicles. The bill passed unanimously.

#### **Economic Development and Tourism**

The Committee met on Wednesday, February 22, to hear from Department of Economic Development Commissioner **Craig Lesser** and **Jose Ignacio Gonzalez**, Executive Director of Hemisphere, Inc. **Gonzales** gave a brief presentation on the recent efforts of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) project to advance economic development in the State. The FTAA initiative is a part of Governor **Sonny Perdue**'s work to foster new international business partnerships. Sen. **Robert Brown** of the 26<sup>th</sup> then presented *Senate Resolution 41*, which creates the Senate Music Industry Study Committee. *SR 41* was reintroduced this year, and the legislation was amended by Sen. **Brown** to change the Study Committee's expiration date to December 31, 2006. The resolution passed unanimously as amended.

#### **Education and Youth**

Chairman **Dan Moody** of the 56th called the Committee to order on Tuesday, February 21, to hear a presentation from Department of Human Resources Commissioner **B.J. Walker**. Commissioner Walker introduced Director of the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) Mary Dean Harvey, who spoke to the Committee about the different phases of child welfare work. Sen. **Moody** then presented the Committee Substitute to *Senate Bill 413*, which would require a minor who is older than 16 and wishes to withdraw from public school to have written approval from a parent or guardian. The legislation goes on to provide for a parent/student conference with the school principal if a child wishes to withdraw, and to mandate attendance for children between the ages of six and 16. Several education advocates, including representatives of Georgia Association of Educators (GAE) and Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE), spoke in favor of the bill, and it passed unanimously by Substitute. Sen. **Moody** then introduced the Committee Substitute to *SB* 515, which makes grades six, seven and eight eligible for remedial education services. Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools **Stuart Bennett** then presented a portion *SB 515* to the Committee. The bill also makes changes to the Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula and the way assessed property valuation is calculated with regard to local school taxes. After a lengthy discussion on the changes in the Substitute, SB 515 passed by Substitute by a vote of 3 to 2.

#### **Ethics**

The Senate Ethics Committee did not meet this week.

#### **Finance**

The Senate Finance Committee did not meet this week.

#### **Health and Human Services**

On Wednesday, February 22, Chairman **Don Thomas** of the 54<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order. *Senate Bill 123* was immediately passed as amended by a vote of 8 to 3. *Senate Resolution 853* was introduced by its author, Sen. **Judson Hill** of the 32<sup>nd</sup>. The resolution creates the Hospital Health Care Standards Commission. The resolution passed unanimously by Substitute. *SB 853* was introduced by **Chris Starr**, Chief Executive Officer of the National Kidney Foundation of Georgia. The bill will require standards of training and certification for kidney dialysis technicians. The *Ray Biddle/Gene Mullis Act* is named in honor of the father Sen. **Jeff Mullis** of the 53<sup>rd</sup> and a surviving kidney patient, **Ray Biddle**. Sen. **Mullis** spoke on behalf of the bill and asked for the support of the Committee. Also speaking in favor of the legislation were kidney patient **George Harper**, who asked that the board include "kidney" patients instead of only "dialysis" patients and **Janice Price**, Registered Nurse, who expressed some concerns about the costs involved. The bill was passed unanimously out of committee.

SB 77 was introduced by Sen. **Renee Unterman** of the 45<sup>th</sup>. The legislation would make the death of an unborn child as a result of a deliberate act of violence subject to prosecution as homicide. The bill specifically excludes legal abortion procedures. Following questions from the Committee, testimony was heard both in support and opposition to the bill. Speaking in favor of the bill were representatives of Georgia Right to Life, prosecution attorney **Bob Keller** and **Jamie Self** of the Georgia Family Council. Speaking in opposition was **Shelley Senterfitt** with the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Sen. **Steve Henson** of the 41<sup>st</sup> moved to table the bill until the next meeting to allow for further study. The motion was defeated. Sen. **Unterman** moved the question, and the bill passed out of committee by a vote of 7 to 4.

SB 429 was introduced by author Sen. Nancy Schaefer of the 50<sup>th</sup>. The bill requires all facilities in which abortions are performed or facilities of physicians who refer for abortions to have functional ultrasound or sonogram equipment on site or have access to such equipment through other facilities. An ultrasound or sonogram of each unborn child shall be performed prior to an abortion or referral for an abortion and the physician is required to offer the patient the opportunity to view the image. Failure of a doctor to comply shall be



punished as a misdemeanor. Several members of the medical community spoke in favor of the bill. Emory University professor Dr. **Carrie Curiak** expressed concerns about the accessibility, convenience and cost of requiring these test, and suggested that the language be clarified. **Shelley Senterfitt** with the Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault spoke of her concerns about pregnancies that are the result of rape or incest. Following additional questions from the Committee, the bill was amended to strike "medical" before the word facilities to ensure the broadest access, and a subsection was added to exclude the requirement for women whose pregnancies are the result of rape or incest. The bill passed out of committee as amended by a vote of 9 to 2.

#### **Higher Education**

Chairman **Seth Harp** of the 29<sup>th</sup> called the Committee to order on Thursday, February 16. Sena *te Bill 415* was presented by Sen. **John Douglas** of the 17<sup>th</sup>. The bill allows the surviving spouse or child of a service member to be eligible for the State's HERO Scholarship Program. The bill also changes to the terms of service section of the HERO requirements. It makes soldiers evacuated early from the combat zone due to serious injury eligible for the program. The bill was passed with unanimous support.

#### **Insurance and Labor**

Chairman **Ralph Hudgens** of the 47th called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 21. Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21st introduced *Senate Bill 472*, which separates meritorious pay from incentive bonus pay for purposes of retirement for state employees. Sen. **Rogers** yielded to questions from the Committee. The bill passed unanimously. Sen. **Rogers** then asked that action be delayed on *SB 531*, regarding uninsured motorist insurance policies, in order to examine new amendments to the bill. Pending amendments, Senator **Michael Meyer von Bremen** of the 12th asked that *SB 438*, regarding new third party administrators for the state health benefit plan, be held for next week's meeting. Then Sen. **Meyer von Bremen** presented *SB 412*, which would create a State Health Benefit Advisory Committee to be involved in state health benefit plan policy making. The Committee heard from representatives of the Georgia Merit System, Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) and Georgia Association of Educators (GAE). Sen. **Rogers** proposed an amendment that would include retired state employees and educators on the board. The amendment was approved, and the bill passed unanimously by Substitute.

#### **Interstate Cooperation**

The Senate Interstate Cooperation Committee did not meet this week.

#### **Judiciary**

On Thursday, February 16, the Committee met for a hearing on House Bill 1059, which changes provisions relating to sexual offenders. **Riean Norman** and **Sally Fox** of House Member Services walked through the bill section by section. The bill increases penalties for certain sex crimes and creates a new crime of aiding, abetting or harboring a sex offender. It requires lifetime probation for offenders convicted of serious violent felonies, after a minimum sentence of 25 years in prison. It also creates a new sentencing scheme for other enumerated sex crimes, as well as eliminating first offender treatment for sex crimes. The legislation also sets residency, workplace and loitering restrictions for sex offenders. The 1,000 foot limit would apply to child care facilities, churches, schools or any other area where minors congregate. The bill also includes a Romeo and Juliet Clause, which would make crimes a misdemeanor offense if the victim is 14 or 15 years old and the defendant is no more than three years older. Following questions from the Committee, Mike Boyd testified in support of the legislation and urged the Committee to toughen penalties for sex offenders. **Boyd**'s wife, **Kimberly**, was abducted and tragically killed as her attacker crashed her SUV into a cement truck. Those to testify with concerns about the legislation included: Reed and Janice Wilson, whose son is a registered sex offender due to an incident involving another teenager; BJ Bernstein, attorney for Genarlow Wilson who was convicted of aggravated child molestation for a voluntary act of oral sex with another teenager, and Terry Boyd, who is a registered sex offender due to an incident in Texas. Even though it would not be considered a sex crime in Georgia, he must register in Georgia since being classified as a sex offender in another state, and he contends he would be forced to resign his position with the



Centers for Disease Control, National Immunization Program should the workplace restrictions for sexual offenders in *HB 1059* be adopted.

Testimony continued on the bill on Tuesday, February 21, with **Sandra Michaels** and **Jack Martin** of the Georgia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers walking through their concerns of the bill section by section. **Karen Worthington**, director of the Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic at Emory University and **Normer Adams** of the Georgia Association of Homes and Services for children were among others to testify with concerns about the bill. No action was taken on the bill, and it will be back before the Committee at a later date.

#### Natural Resources and Environment

Tolleson of the 20<sup>th</sup>. He called *Senate Bill 434*, which authorizes the State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists to require a geologist who is applying for renewal to complete continuing education courses approved by the Board. The bill passed by a vote of 5 to 2. Sen. John Bulloch of the 11<sup>th</sup> then presented *SB 818*, which would create the Senate Septage Disposal Study Committee. The resolution passed unanimously. Sen. Chip Pearson of the 51<sup>st</sup> presented *SB 510*, which seeks to give property owners the opportunity for relief when additional stream buffer mandates are imposed by local governments.

Wayne Allen, Deputy Legislative Counsel, walked through the bill section by section. Following Sen. Pearson's presentation of the bill, several individuals testified in opposition of the bill, including representatives of the Sierra Club, Georgia Wildlife Federation, Georgia Trout Unlimited, Georgia Water Coalition, Georgia Nature Conservancy and scientists with the University of Georgia. No action was taken on the bill, and it will be back before the Committee at a later date.

#### Public Safety and Homeland Security

Chairman **Brian Kemp** of the 46<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 21. Sen. **Jim Whitehead** of the 24<sup>th</sup> presented *Senate Bill 532*, which regulates security practices at Georgia's nuclear power plants. After minor changes to language regarding the regulation of security guards at the facilities and the patrol of county roads on the property, the bill was approved unanimously. Sen. **Kemp** presented *House Bill 1032* on behalf of Rep. **John Lunsford** of the 110<sup>th</sup>. This bill is designed to bring the regulations for Georgia's concealed carry permits into line with federal statutes. After testimony from several speakers on behalf of the bill, the Committee approved the measure unanimously.

The Committee also met for a public hearing on Tuesday, February 21. Sen. **Kemp** opened the meeting by introducing Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21st. Sen. **Rogers** introduced *SB 529*, the Georgia Security/Immigration Compliance Act, with a walkthrough of the provisions of the bill. He says that the legislation is "a comprehensive attempt to deal with illegal immigration and its effects on the State." It includes a limit on state funds for undocumented workers and adds new statutes, as well as the first Georgia code dealing with human trafficking in the state. **Bob Keller** with the Prosecuting Attorneys Executive Council told members that the bill will add several statutes dealing with the human trafficking aspects of illegal immigration including the creation of a felony charge for trafficking. Sen. Sam Zamarripa of the 36th told members he believes the legislation should be amended to limit checks on illegal immigrants to those in jail for the most serious of offenses. He would also like to include post-secondary education funds as state programs available to undocumented immigrants. During the public comments, several medical professionals and students asked Senators not to include limits on healthcare for undocumented immigrants. They told the Committee that leaving basic healthcare out of the state aid to those immigrants could cause serious health concerns about the spread of communicable diseases. Frank Mulcahy with the Georgia Catholic Conference spoke against the bill. Several agents from the Georgia Office of Immigration and Customs enforcement testified that they support the plan outlined by the bill. They said that the provisions of the bill will not be a burden to law enforcement. While there was no official vote on the bill, Sen. **Kemp** stated that there will be more testimony before any final vote on the legislation.



#### Reapportionment and Redistricting

The Senate Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee did not meet this week.

#### **Regulated Industries and Utilities**

The Committee met on Tuesday, February 21, to consider *Senate Bills 547* and *548*. Real Estate Commissioner **Charles Clark** presented the bills, which make code changes to provisions for real estate brokers and the real estate appraisers board. Chairman **Mitch Seabaugh** of the 28<sup>th</sup> stated that the Committee Substitute to *SB 547* combines the provisions of both bills into one piece of legislation. *SB 547* then passed unanimously by Committee Substitute.

#### Retirement

On Thursday, February 16, Chairman **Bill Heath** of the 31<sup>st</sup> called the meeting to order to discuss two bills. **David McCluskey** with the Teachers Retirement System first spoke on behalf of the organization's president, and urged passage of *House Bill 400*. The bill's sponsor, Rep. **Brooks Coleman** of the 97<sup>th</sup>, explained that the legislation would provide a post-retirement benefit increase for teachers and educators who retired on or before June 30, 1987. **Charlie Roberts** of the Georgia Retired Educators Association urged passage of the legislation. Following questions from the Committee, the bill passed out of Committee by a unanimous vote. Rep. **Ben Bridges, Sr.** of the 10<sup>th</sup> presented *HB 1020*, and introduced **Michael Nehf,** Executive Director of the Employees Retirement System of Georgia. He explained that the bill is basically a housekeeping one, amending provision related to retirement allowances under four retirement systems: Employees' Retirements, Public School Employees Retirement System, Georgia Judicial Retirement System and the Georgia Military Pension Fund. *HB 1020* also passed unanimously out of Committee.

#### Rules

Led by Chairman **Don Balfour** of the 9<sup>th</sup>, the Senate Rules Committee voted on Wednesday to return Senate bill 396 by Sen. **Greg Goggans** of the 7<sup>th</sup> to the Senate Judiciary. The members of the Committee also passed Senate Bill 484, legislation to make Colquitt Georgia's First Mural City. The measure is sponsored by Sen. **John Bulloch** of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### Science and Technology

Chairman **David Shafer** of the 48<sup>th</sup> called the meeting to order on Tuesday, February 21. Sen. **Cecil Staton** of the 18<sup>th</sup> gave a subcommittee report that explained changes to *Senate Bill 395*, which prohibits wireless providers from extending contracts if a customer requests a change in level or service. The new changes included a detailed map, clarifications of month-to-month contracts and contract suspensions for soldiers on active duty. After hearing concerns from the Committee, Sen. **Shafer** asked Sen. **J.B. Powell** of the 23<sup>rd</sup> to preside in his absence. The Committee heard from **Steve Skinner** with Cingular Wireless and **Jill Johnson** of Georgia Public Interest Research Group (GPIRG). Sen. **Shafer** returned and a motion was made to pass the bill by Substitute. Sen. **John Douglas** of the 17<sup>th</sup> expressed opposition to the bill. The bill passed out of Committee by a 3-2 vote.

#### <u>Special Judiciary</u>

The Committee met Wednesday, February 22, for a hearing on *House Bill 912*. Vice Chairman **David Adelman** of the 42<sup>nd</sup> asked Sen. **Preston Smith** of the 52<sup>nd</sup> to present the bill on behalf of Rep. **Barry Fleming** of the 117<sup>th</sup>. The bill amends current provisions relating to discovery of nonparties. All information obtained through nonparty discovery must be provided, upon request and payment of a reasonable copying charge, to other parties to the action. **Roger Martin**, an attorney for the Gwinnett Hospital System, **Earl Rogers**, representing the Georgia Hospital Association and **Bill Clark**, representing the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, testified in support of the legislation. No action was taken on the bill, and it will be back before the Committee at a later date.



#### State and Local Governmental Operations

Chairman **John Wiles** of the 37th called Committee to order on Wednesday, February 22. Without a quorum present, the Chairman decided to hear input on bills before the Committee. Sen. **Dan Weber** of the 40<sup>th</sup> presented three bills. *Senate Bill 566* would allow annexation of a parcel of land for the City of Chamblee. Chamblee officials, including Mayor **Eric Clarkson** were present and voiced their support for the measure. *SB 567* is an annexation bill for the city of Doraville. Doraville Mayor Pro Tem Jason Anavitarte spoke on behalf of the legislation, telling the Committee that the City approves of the annexation because it will unite neighborhoods and allow for better service delivery. Several Dunwoody residents then spoke to the Committee members on behalf of SB 568, which authorizes a resolution to create the City of Dunwoody. Residents say they will receive better services and fair taxation if they are allowed to incorporate. The only opposition came from **Keith** Hillsman with DeKalb County, who said that the creation of a new city in the county would create an unfair tax burden on the remaining unincorporated areas. Sen. Weber then spoke on behalf of SB 569, saying the bill will help ease problems concerning the creation of new cities including Sandy Springs. The legislation will create a formula for compensation for the transfer of parks and public buildings from the county to the new city. Since no quorum was present, no vote was taken on any legislation.

#### **State Institutions and Property**

The Committee was called to order on Tuesday, February 21, by Chairman **Johnny Grant** of the 25<sup>th</sup>. Sen. **Don Balfour** of the 9<sup>th</sup> appeared to again present minor changes to *Senate Bill 504*. The bill requires that any state property involved in a long-term lease or sale must be presented to the State Properties Commission. After minor amendments, the Committee approved the legislation.

#### **Transportation**

The Senate Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday, February 23, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 307 in the Coverdell Legislative Office Building.

#### Veterans and Military Affairs

The Committee met Thursday, February 16, with members of the House Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee to receive a briefing on the transformation and stationing of the Georgia National Guard given by Col. **Maria Britt**, Chief of Staff, Georgia Army National Guard.

## Seorgia State Senate First Readers

(Thursday, February 16 – Wednesday, February 22, 2006)

#### Senate Resolutions **SR 873** Parish, Emory; commend Sens. **Doug Stoner** (6th); **John Wiles** (37th); **Judson Hill** (32nd); Chip Rogers (21st) and Steve Thompson (33rd) Transportation Committee – 02/16/06 **SR 874** Finch, E. Lanier "Lanny"; commend Sens. Brian Kemp (46th); Ross Tolleson (20th); Joseph Carter (13th); **Jeff Chapman** (3<sup>rd</sup>); **Steen Miles** (43<sup>rd</sup>); **Gloria Butler** (55<sup>th</sup>) and others Read and Adopted – 02/16/06 **SR 875** GAE Legislative Conference Day; recognize Sens. **Steve Thompson** (33<sup>rd</sup>); **Don Balfour** (9<sup>th</sup>); **Horacena Tate** (38<sup>th</sup>); **Judson Hill** (32<sup>nd</sup>); **George Hooks** (14<sup>th</sup>); **Terrell Starr** (44<sup>th</sup>) and others Read and Adopted – 02/16/06 **SR 876** High Tech Day; proclaim February 15, 2006 Sens. **David Shafer** (48th); **Tim Golden** (8th); **Casey Cagle** (49th); **Bill Heath** (31st); **Cecil Staton** (18th); **J.B. Powell** (23rd) and others Read and Adopted – 02/16/06 **SR 877** Wright, Ms. Stephanie; commend Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06 **SR 878** Stokes, Ms. Laura; commend Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06 **SR 879** Rouse, Ms. Debra; commend Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06 **SR 880** Grigsby, Mr. Eric; commend Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06 Cash, Ms. Angel; commend **SR 881** Sen. Ed Harbison (15th) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06 **SR 882** Tramel, Ms. Kristina; commend Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)

Read and Adopted – 02/16/06

SR 884

Benson, Ms. Terri; commend
Sen. Ed Harbison (15th)
Read and Adopted – 02/16/06

**SR 883** 

Read and Adopted – 02/16/06

Agnew, Ms. Kathryn; commend

Sen. **Ed Harbison** (15th)

SR 885	Fedde, Ms. Elsa; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SB 886	Beattie, Ms. Sandra; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 887	Franks, Mr. George; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 888	Ogan, Mr. Richard; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 889	Foster, Ms. Nichole; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 890	Pirkle, Ms. Paige; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 891	Sammons, Ms. Jill; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 892	Bass, Ms. Lula; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 893	Parker, Ms. Inez; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 894	Lee, Ms. Tami; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 895	Kimbrel, Ms. Rebecca; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 896	Thompson, Ms. Paula; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 897	Houston, Ms. Kathy; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 898	Roberts, Ms. Kathryn; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 899	Spraggins, Dr. Christopher; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>

SR 900	Walker, Ms. Betty; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 901	Wilson, Ms. Marilyn; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 902	Williams, Ms. Burma; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 903	Oliver, Mr. Thadias; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 904	McCrone, Ms. Heather; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 905	Hendrickson, Ms. Beth; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 906	Wakefield, Ms. Linda; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 907	Terrell, Ms. Debra; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 908	Hancock, Ms. Brenda; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 909	Ventimiglia, Ms. Diane; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 910	Lewis, Ms. Jacquelyn; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 911	Peebles, Mrs. Virginia T.; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 912	Hill, Ms. Melissa; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 913	Stanelle, Ms. Amelia; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 914	Fowler, Ms. Clarel; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06

SR 915	Schorr, Ms. Lori; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 916	Anderson, Ms. Sharon; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 917	Sumrall, Ms. Carolyn; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 918	Greene, Coach Herbert; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 919	DuToit, Ms. Wendy; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 920	Marino, Ms. Jody; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 921	Talley, Ms. Evelyn; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 922	Taylor, Ms. Kelley; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 923	Holloway, Ms. Maria; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 924	Cason, Ms. Kim; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 925	Gadson, Ms. Keisha; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 926	Kite, Bernard "Buster"; condolences Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 927	Stephenson, Ms. Karen; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 928	Denham, Ms. Lori; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 929	Davis, Mr. John; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>

SR 930	Moore, Ms. Debbie; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 931	Byrd, Ms. Lisa; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 932	Dalton, Ms. Stephanie; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 933	Chandler, Ms. Laura; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/16/06</i>
SR 934	Brooks, Ms. Mary Carmen; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 935	Stewart, Mr. Larry; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 936	Cordero, Ms. Ivette; commend Sen. <b>Ed Harbison</b> (15 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 937	Fann, Mrs. Rosel; commend Sen. <b>Sam Zamarripa</b> (36 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 938	Zoo Atlanta; commend Sen. <b>Sam Zamarripa</b> (36 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/16/06
SR 939	Colquitt County; commemorating Sen. <b>John Bulloch</b> (11 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/21/06</i>
SR 940	Future Farmers of America; recognize Sens. <b>John Bulloch</b> (11 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Ross Tolleson</b> (20 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Joseph Carter</b> (13 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Casey Cagle</b> (49 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Chip Pearson</b> (51 <sup>st</sup> ) and <b>Jack Hill</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted</i> – 02/21/06
SR 941	Randolph-Clay High School Boy Basketball Team; Joe Williams; commend Sen. <b>Michael Meyer von Bremen</b> ( $12^{th}$ ) Read and Adopted – $02/21/06$
SR 942	Habersham County Farm Bureau; recognize Sen. <b>Nancy Schaefer</b> (50 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted – 02/21/06</i>
SR 943	Reddick, Brigadier General Terrell T.; declaring support for dedicating the Statesboro Armory Sens. <b>Jack Hill</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>John Douglas</b> (17 <sup>th</sup> ) Veteran and Military Affairs Committee – 02/21/06
SR 944	Wagner, Stephen Drew; Eagle Scout; commend Sen. <b>Chip Rogers</b> (21 <sup>st</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/21/06

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SR 945	Israel, State of; fight against terrorism; commend Sen. <b>Ross Tolleson</b> (20 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/21/06
SR 946	Southwest DeKalb High School Marching Panther Band; commend Sen. <b>Emanuel Jones</b> (10 <sup>th</sup> )  Read and Adopted – 02/21/06
SR 947	Truancy Intervention Project; commend Sen. <b>David Adelman</b> (42 <sup>nd</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/21/06
SR 948	Copridge, Mrs. Isabella Blakes; commend Sen. <b>David Adelman</b> (42 <sup>nd</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/22/06
SR 949	YouthBuild USA; recognize Sen. <b>David Adelman</b> (42 <sup>nd</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/22/06
SR 950	Waldron III, James E.; Eagle Scout; commend Sen. <b>Jim Whitehead, Sr.</b> (24 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/22/06
SR 951	Eaves, Martha Talbot; condolences Sen. <b>Renee Unterman</b> (45 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/22/06
SR 952	Senior Week at the Capitol Sen. <b>Renee Unterman</b> (45 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/22/06
SR 953	Wynn, Rev. Larry; commend Sen. <b>Renee Unterman</b> (45 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/22/06
SR 954	Performance Standards; ratifying the initial minimum standard; fiscal impact Sens. <b>Bill Hamrick</b> (30 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Preston Smith</b> (52 <sup>nd</sup> ) Read and Adopted – $02/22/06$
SR 955	Performance Standards in Juvenile Court; ratifying the initial minimum standard; fiscal impact Sens. <b>Bill Hamrick</b> (30 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Preston Smith</b> (52 <sup>nd</sup> )  Read and Adopted – 02/22/06
SR 956	Augusta State University Gospel Ensemble; commend Sen. <b>Ed Tarver</b> (22 <sup>nd</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/22/06
SR 957	Huckaby, Mr. Henry M.; commend Sens. <b>Brian Kemp</b> (46 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Ralph Hudgens</b> (47 <sup>th</sup> ) Read and Adopted – 02/22/06
SR 958	Henry County High School wrestling team; congratulate Sens. <b>John Douglas</b> (17 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Emanuel Jones</b> (10 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted</i> – 02/22/06
SR 959	Church, Mrs. Linda; condolences Sens. <b>John Wiles</b> (37 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Judson Hill</b> (32 <sup>nd</sup> ); <b>Doug Stoner</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Steve Thompson</b> (33 <sup>rd</sup> ) and <b>Chip Rogers</b> (21 <sup>st</sup> ) <i>Read and Adopted</i> – 02/22/06

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- SR 960 Hagin, Mr. Willard Overton; condolences Sen. **Jack Hill** (4<sup>th</sup>) Read and Adopted – 02/22/06
- SR 961 U.S. Congress; urge to enact S. 520 and HR 1070 Sen. Nancy Schaefer (50<sup>th</sup>)

  Rules Committee -02-22-06

## Senate Bills:

- **SB 554** Governor Emergency Powers; suspend/limit sale; alcoholic beverages, explosives, combustibles; repeal Sen. **J.B. Powell** (23<sup>rd</sup>) *Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee 02/16/06*
- Downtown Development Authorities; provide exception to perpetual existence; quorums; meetings; actions; records
  Sens. **Jeff Chapman** (3<sup>rd</sup>); **Jim Whitehead, Sr**. (24<sup>th</sup>); **John Wiles** (37<sup>th</sup>); **David Shafer** (48<sup>th</sup>); **Steve Henson** (41<sup>st</sup>) and **Bill Heath** (31<sup>st</sup>) *Judiciary Committee* 02/16/06
- SB 556 State Budgeting; comprehensive revision of provisions; revise change duties/responsibilities of budget units
  Sens. Jack Hill (4th); Tommie Williams (19th) and Eric Johnson (1st)
  Appropriations Committee 02/16/06
- SB 557 State Sales Taxes; provide for exemption to charges for natural gas billed for residential use; procedures; conditions; limitations Sens. Vincent Fort (39th); George Hooks (14th); Steve Thompson (33rd) and Horacena Tate (38th)

  Finance Committee 02/16/06
- SB 558 Credit Cards; credit card banks; rearrange/renumber certain provisions Sens. Bill Hamrick (30<sup>th</sup>); David Shafer (48<sup>th</sup>); Casey Cagle (49<sup>th</sup>) and Tommie Williams (19<sup>th</sup>)

  Banking and Financial Institutions 02/16/06
- SB 559 State Sales Taxes; provide for exemption; liquid propane gas commodity; residential use; procedures; conditions; limitations Sens. Vincent Fort (39th); George Hooks (14th); Steve Thompson (33rd) and Horacena Tate (38th)

  Finance Committee 02/16/06
- SB 560 Sexual Offenses; carnal knowledge with disabled person; incapable of granting consent; unlawful; penalties
  Sens. Judson Hill (32<sup>nd</sup>); Steve Thompson (33<sup>rd</sup>) and Chip Rogers (21<sup>st</sup>)

  Judiciary Committee 02/16/06
- SB 561 HOPE Scholarships/Grants; definitions; correct scrivener's error; provide for students in professional level programs
  Sens. Seth Harp (29th); Cecil Staton (18th); David Adelman (42nd);
  Steve Henson (41st) and John Wiles (37th)
  Higher Education Committee 02/16/06
- **SB 562** Georgia Higher Education Facilities Authority Act; create Sens. **Dan Weber** (40<sup>th</sup>) and **Tommie Williams** (19<sup>th</sup>) Finance Committee 02/16/06

SB 563	Court Bailiffs; increase maximum per diem Sens. <b>Seth Harp</b> (29 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Chip Rogers</b> (21 <sup>st</sup> ); <b>Kasim Reed</b> (35 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Michael Meyer von Bremen</b> (12 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Bill Hamrick</b> (30 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Doug Stoner</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> ) and others State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/16/06
SB 564	Georgia Arbitration Code; agreement of mandatory arbitration contain notices; provide addendum Sens. <b>Michael Meyer von Bremen</b> (12 <sup>th</sup> ) Special Judiciary Committee – 02/16/06
SB 565	Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission; establish; provide for composition; membership; duties Sens. Cecil Staton (18th); Renee Unterman (45th); Nancy Schaefer (50th); Ronnie Chance (16th); Greg Goggans (7th); Tommie Williams (19th) and others Health and Human Services Committee – 02/16/06
SB 566	Chamblee, City of; change corporate boundaries Sens. <b>Dan Weber</b> (40 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Eric Johnson</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> ) and <b>Tommie Williams</b> (19 <sup>th</sup> ) State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/16/06
SB 567	Doraville, City of; change corporate limits Sens. <b>Dan Weber</b> (40 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Eric Johnson</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> ) and <b>Tommie Williams</b> (19 <sup>th</sup> ) State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/16/06
SB 568	Dunwoody, City of; provide for charter; incorporation; boundaries; powers Sens. <b>Dan Weber</b> (40 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Eric Johnson</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> ) and <b>Tommie Williams</b> (19 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>State and Local Governmental Operations Committee</i> – 02/16/06
SB 569	Local Government; newly created municipalities; change provisions; removal of new municipal corporations Sens. <b>Dan Weber</b> (40 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Eric Johnson</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> ) and <b>Tommie Williams</b> (19 <sup>th</sup> ) State and Local Governmental Operations Committee $-02/16/06$
SB 570	Motor Vehicles; windshields; reduce light transmission/increase light reflectance; authorize certified optometrist to provide attestation Sen. <b>Joseph Carter</b> (13 <sup>th</sup> )  Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee – 02/16/06
SB 571	Cobb Judicial Circuit; supplement paid to judges of superior court; additional for chief judge Sens. <b>John Wiles</b> (37 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Judson Hill</b> (32 <sup>nd</sup> ) State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/21/06
SB 572	Medical Assistance Managed Care Fraud; establish; define crime; administrative hearings/appeals; change certain provisions Sens. <b>Greg Goggans</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Bill Stephens</b> (27 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Tommie Williams</b> (19 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>John Douglas</b> (17 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Chip Pearson</b> (51 <sup>st</sup> ); <b>Jim Whitehead, Sr</b> . (24 <sup>th</sup> ) and others Judiciary Committee – 02/21/06
SB 573	Land Transactions; development of condominium property; escrow funds Sens. <b>Joseph Carter</b> (13 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Casey Cagle</b> (49 <sup>th</sup> ) Special Judiciary Committee – 02/21/06
SB 574	Municipal Corporation; incorporation; provide certification of compliance Sens. <b>John Bulloch</b> (11 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Ross Tolleson</b> (20 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Joseph Carter</b> (13 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Michael Meyer von Bremen</b> (12 <sup>th</sup> ) State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/21/06



SB 575	Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District; water supply/conservation management plan; change provisions Sens. <b>Seth Harp</b> (29 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>George Hooks</b> (14 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Don Thomas</b> (54 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Bill Heath</b> (31 <sup>st</sup> ); <b>Johnny Grant</b> (25 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Chip Pearson</b> (51 <sup>st</sup> ) <i>Natural Resources and the Environment Committee</i> – 02/21/06
SB 576	Community Health, Dept; provide submission of data; individual's employer; state funded health care program  Sens. <b>Steen Miles</b> (43 <sup>rd</sup> ); <b>Horacena Tate</b> (38 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Gloria Butler</b> (55 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Vincent Fort</b> (39 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Emanuel Jones</b> (10 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Valencia Seay</b> (34 <sup>th</sup> ) and others <i>Insurance and Labor Committee</i> – 02/21/06
SB 577	Madison County; create board of commissioners; road/revenues Sens. <b>Ralph Hudgens</b> (47 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Brian Kemp</b> (46 <sup>th</sup> ) State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/21/06
SB 578	Commercial Waste Tank Truck; rules/regulations of Dept. of Human Resources Sens. <b>Jim Whitehead, Sr</b> . (24th); <b>Casey Cagle</b> (49th); <b>Ralph Hudgens</b> (47th); <b>Ross Tolleson</b> (20th) and <b>Bill Stephens</b> (27th) <i>Transportation Committee</i> – 02/21/06
SB 579	Medical Assistance; employees/health care coverage; require employers to annually report to commissioner of community health Sens. <b>Steen Miles</b> (43 <sup>rd</sup> ); <b>Horacena Tate</b> (38 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Gloria Butler</b> (55 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Vincent Fort</b> (39 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Emanuel Jones</b> (10 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Valencia Seay</b> (34 <sup>th</sup> ) and others <i>Insurance and Labor Committee</i> – <i>02/21/06</i>
SB 580	Contractors; professional licensing; provide new provisions; definitions Sen. <b>Kasim Reed</b> $(35^{th})$ Regulated Industries and Utilities Committee $-$ 02/21/06
SB 581	Georgia Public Safety Training Center; emergency medical personnel; provide training; change certain provisions Sens. <b>Jeff Mullis</b> (53 <sup>rd</sup> ); <b>Ross Tolleson</b> (20 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Joseph Carter</b> (13 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Don Thomas</b> (54 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Bill Hamrick</b> (30 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Seth Ha</b> rp (29 <sup>th</sup> ) and others <i>Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee</i> – 02/22/06
SB 582	University System, Georgia; students; home study program; admissions; authorize board of regents to promulgate rules/regulations Sens. <b>Chip Pearson</b> (51st); <b>Casey Cagle</b> (49th); <b>Nancy Schaefer</b> (50th); <b>Chip Rogers</b> (21st) and <b>John Douglas</b> (17th) <i>Higher Education Committee</i> – 02/22/06

Criminal Trials; right to trial by jury; provide method for waiver Sens. **Bill Hamrick** (30th) and **David Shafer** (48th) *Judiciary Committee* - 02/22/06

**SB 583** 

### House Resolutions

HR 1226 Georgia Quail Trail; Dept. of Natural Resources; initiate

Reps. Bob Lane (158th); Ron Stephens (164th); Jon Burns (157th); Earl Ehrhart (36th); Butch Parrish (156th) and Jay Roberts (154th) Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 02/16/06

HR 1258 Appalachian Studies Center; Dahlonega; Georgia's official center; establish Reps. Amos Amerson (9th); Roger Williams (4th); Stacey Reece (27th); David Ralston (7th) and David Hembree (67th)

*Higher Education Committee – 02/21/06* 

**HR 1425** United Services Organization; 65th anniversary; commend

Reps. Joe Wilkinson (52<sup>nd</sup>); John Yates (73<sup>rd</sup>); DuBose Porter (143<sup>rd</sup>); Stacey Reece (27<sup>th</sup>); Jim Cole (125<sup>th</sup>) and Roger Williams (4<sup>th</sup>)

*Veterans and Military Affairs Committee - 02/16/06* 

## *House Bills*

**HB 57** State ordered executions; protect physicians and medical professionals

licensure

Reps. David Ralston (7th) and Alan Powell (29th)

*Judiciary Committee – 02/21/06* 

**HB 535** Judicial accounting; penalty for failure to remit funds; repeal

Reps. Clay Cox (102<sup>nd</sup>); Tom Rice (51<sup>st</sup>) and David Ralston (7<sup>th</sup>)

Special Judiciary Committee – 02/22/06

**HB 560** Ad valorem tax; county tax assessors; property valuation appeal; change certain provision

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Reps. Charles Martin (47th); Jan Jones (46th) and Harry Geisinger (48th)

Finance Committee – 02/16/06

**HB 661** School clubs; local boards provide information to parents; policies and procedures

procedures

Reps. **Bobby Reese** (98th); **Sue Burmeister** (119th);

Mark Burkhalter (50th); Tyrone Brooks (63rd); Bill Cummings (16th)

and **Len Walker** (107th)

Education and Youth Committee - 02/16/06

**HB 724** Sewage management systems; licensed plumbers; allow certain work

Rep. **Tom McCall** (30<sup>th</sup>)

Natural Resources and the Environment Committee – 02/16/06

**HB 832** Physician's Assistants; handling of professional samples

Reps. **Tom McCall** (30th) and **Sistie Hudson** of the (124th)

Health and Human Services Committee - 02/22/06

**HB 955** MARTA; public records relating to fare payment system; exempt from

disclosure; provide

Reps. Harry Geisinger (48th); Jill Chambers (81st); Fran Millar (79th)

and Edward Lindsey (54th)

*Transportation Committee – 02/16/06* 

**HB 983** Petroleum products; sale of; certain acts; prohibit

Reps. Jill Chambers (81st); Earl Ehrhart (36th); Wendell Willard (49th)

and Ronald Forster (3rd)

Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee - 02/22/06

HB 1032	Licenses to carry pistol or revolver; temporary renewal permit; provide for restrictions Reps. <b>John Lunsford</b> (110 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>David Ralston</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Ronald Forster</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> ); <b>Terry England</b> (108 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Earl Ehrhart</b> (36 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Willie Talton</b> (145 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee</i> – 02/16/06
HB 1055	Public schools; internet safety policies; adopt and implement Reps. <b>Mike Keown</b> (173 <sup>rd</sup> ); <b>Allen Freeman</b> (140 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Calvin Hill</b> (21 <sup>st</sup> ); <b>Ed Setzler</b> (35 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Ellis Black</b> (174 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>James Mills</b> (25 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Science and Technology Committee</i> – 02/22/06
HB 1151	Deferred compensation plan; Board of Trustees; administer Reps. <b>Jim Cole</b> (125 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Jay Roberts</b> (154 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Vance Smith</b> (129 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Rich Golick</b> (34 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Retirement Committee</i> – 02/21/06
HB 1157	Income tax credit; employers providing retraining programs; change provisions Reps. <b>Mark Burkhalter</b> (50 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Glenn Richardson</b> (19 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Jerry Keen</b> (179 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Barry Fleming</b> (117 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Finance Committee</i> – 02/16/06
HB 1182	Sales and use tax exemption; certain hall of fame attractions; provisions Reps. Mark Burkhalter (50 <sup>th</sup> ); Glenn Richardson (19 <sup>th</sup> ); Jerry Keen (178 <sup>th</sup> ); Barry Fleming (117 <sup>th</sup> ); Vance Smith (129 <sup>th</sup> ) and Ben Harbin (118 <sup>th</sup> ) Finance Committee – 02/16/06
HB 1211	Southern Appalachian brook trout; official state cold water game fish; designate Reps. <b>Bobby Reese</b> (98 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Bob Lane</b> (158 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>David Ralston</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Doug Holt</b> (112 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Mack Crawford</b> (127 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Cecily Hill</b> (180 <sup>th</sup> ) <i>Rules Committee</i> – 02/16/06
HB 1236	Motor vehicles; registration; place of return; amend Reps. <b>Joe Wilkinson</b> (52 <sup>nd</sup> ) and <b>Ronald Forster</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) <i>Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee</i> – 02/22/06
HB 1241	Quality Basic Education Act; eligibility conditions for student athletes; provide Reps. Charles Martin (47 <sup>th</sup> ); Jay Roberts (154 <sup>th</sup> ); Stan Watson (91 <sup>st</sup> ); Barry Fleming (117 <sup>th</sup> ); Brooks Coleman (97 <sup>th</sup> ) and Earnest Williams (89 <sup>th</sup> ) Education and Youth Committee – 02/22/06
HB 1312	Mitchell County; county surveyor; abolish office Rep. <b>Richard Royal</b> (171st) State and Local Governmental Operations Committee — 02/21/06
HB 1322	Covington, City of; community improvement districts; create Reps. <b>Doug Holt</b> (112 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Robert Mumford</b> (95 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>John Lunsford</b> (110 <sup>th</sup> ) State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/21/06
HB 1324	Columbia County; Small Claims Court; repeal Reps. <b>Barry Fleming</b> (117 <sup>th</sup> ); <b>Sue Burmeister</b> (119 <sup>th</sup> ) and <b>Ben Harbin</b> (118 <sup>th</sup> )

State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/21/06

HB 1327 Augusta, City of; consolidated government; authorize Reps. Pete Warren (122nd); Quincy Murphy (120th); Sue Burmeister (119th); Ernestine E. Howard (121st) and Alberta Anderson (123rd)

State and Local Governmental Operations Committee – 02/21/06



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